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Dear Doctor Eisenberg:

Angiogenesis, the formation of new blood vessels, is being recognized as one of the most important biological processes in health and in disease. Angiogenesis is an all-encompassing process with widespread medical implications, e.g., in oncology (tumor growth, metastases, therapy), wound healing, gastrointestinal disease (ulcer), myocardial infarction (collateral development after ischemic injury), to name but a few areas. As you may be aware from previous announcements, we are in the process of organizing the Second NATO Advanced Study Institute of Angiogenesis, which is to be held June 16-27, 1993 in Rhodes, Greece. Please find enclosed a preliminary program of the meeting.

I am writing this letter on behalf of the institute directors, Drs. Michael Malgoudakis, Pietro Gullino, and myself to ask for your generous help to support and sponsor in part this Advanced Study Institute, which is more a high level, high caliber summer school for advanced training of graduate students and young faculty than a conventional conference. As usual, the proceedings will be speedily published within a few months of the Advanced Study Institute by Plenum Press, and the names of the sponsors and contributors will be prominently displayed in the book.

Now that the final contributions from NATO and federal agencies are in, it seems that we have a serious shortfall in funds enabling the participation of promising young scientists from the United States. The successful outcome of such a study institute invariably depends on the participation of these young people. Such participation then results, as past experience has shown, in excellent training, dissemination of information otherwise not immediately available, stirring of new research in a particular field, and most importantly establishment of national and international collaborations.

I know that this request of ours is reaching your desk at relatively short notice before the onset of the conference. Nevertheless, after disbursement and announcement of the available funds from NATO and federal granting agencies, we are still in dire need of significant contributions from the industrial community to make this conference possible.

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Being aware of your and your company's interests in angiogenesis and cardiovascular disease, I would like to discuss modalitities for representatives of your company to actively participate in the conference. One of the sessions planned will be devoted to presentations/discussions on the prospects for inhibitors and promoters of angiogenesis from the vantage point of the pharmaceutical industry. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

If you would like to contribute to the conference, I would very much appreciate that you send your check to the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Milwaukee Clinical Campus, Laboratory of Cell Biology, earmarked "NATO-ASI-Angiogenesis, 1993." Thank you very much in advance for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Dear Dr. Eisenberg, thanks for your past interest. I hope we can count on your generous support, this time, too

Yours

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